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SUBJECT: ENERGY: JANUARY 15-15 EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING--
PRESIDENT NIXON'S INVITATION TO ENERGY CONFERENCE

REF: A) EC BRUSSELS 255; B) HEALY-T/IEP TELECON

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: AT THE CONCLUSION OF ITS MEETING NEAR
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MIDNIGHT ON JANUARY 15, THE EC COUNCIL INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING

STATEMENT ON ENERGY IN ITS PRESS RELEASE ON THE MEETING CONFIRMING THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN REFTEL: QUOTE THE COUNCIL AGREED THAT THE COMMUNITY SHOULD GIVE A POSITIVE REPLY TO THE INVITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE COMMUNITY REGARDING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE MAIN OIL CONSUMER COUNTRIES AT THE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON 11 FEBRUARY 1974 IN WASHINGTON. THE COMMUNITY WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THIS MEETING BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION. IT ACCEPTS THIS INVITATION ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL THE MEMBER STATES WILL BE INVITED TO TAKE PART. THE COUNCIL WILL ADOPT THE JOINT VIEWPOINT TO BE PUT FORWARD AT THIS CONFERENCE BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY AT ITS MEETING ON 4 AND 5 FEBRUARY 1974. END UNCLASSIFIED

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: THE COUNCIL ALSO AGREED ON THE DRAFT TEXT TO BE INCORPORATED IN A LETTER FROM CHANCELLOR BRANDT TO PRESIDENT NIXON IN RESPONSE TO THIS INVITATION. WE WERE GIVEN A COPY OF THIS TEXT ON AN INFORMAL AND CONFIDENTIAL BASIS BY THE GERMAN PERMANENT DELEGATION. WE WERE TOLD THAT THIS LANGUAGE IS SUBJECT TO EDITORIAL AND OTHER MINOR CHANGES AND PERSONAL ADDITIONS BY BRANDT. FOLLOWING IS THE DRAFT TEXT:

3. BEGIN TEXT: BY LETTER OF (INSERT DATE) YOU REQUESTED ME TO INFORM YOU IN MY CAPACITY AS THE HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE MEMBER STATE AT PRESENT HOLDING THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL, WHETHER THE COMMUNITY WISHED TO TAKE PART IN THE MEETING OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHICH YOU PROPOSED TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON ON 11 FEBRUARY 1974 OR ON ANY OTHER DATE THAT WEEK WHICH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THOSE TAKING PART IN THE MEETING.

4. I HAVE BEEN REQUESTED ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT (SIC- PRESUMABLY PRESIDENT SCHEEL OF THE EC COUNCIL) TO INDICATE TO YOU THE COMMUNITY'S AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE AS SUCH IN THIS MEETING AND TO INFORM YOU THAT THE PRESIDENT IN OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL (SCHEEL) AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION (ORTOLI) WILL

REPRESENT THE COMMUNITY. THE COMMUNITY IS OPERATING ON THE UNDERSTANDING

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THAT ALL THE MEMBER STATES WILL BE INVITED TO TAKE PART. (FYI: THE PRECEDING SENTENCE IS OUR TRANSLATION FROM THE FRENCH WHILE THE REST OF THE TEXT IS THE ENGLISH VERSION AS GIVEN TO US BY THE GERMANS.) MOREOVER, THE COMMUNITY IS WILLING FOR ITS PART TO EXAMINE IN COOPERATION WITH THE SPECIAL ENVOY OF YOUR GOVERNMENT THE DETAILS OF THE MEETING. END TEXT. GREENWALD

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